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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 – 8 (Cancelled)

9. (New) A container comprising:

a container main body having a roof plate and a left/right pair of side wall plates;
a bottom plate; and
a front door and a rear door which respectively open and close a front end portion and a rear end portion of said container main body,

wherein said container main body and said bottom plate are displaceable relative to each other in a front-rear direction of the bottom plate from a neutral reference position, in which said bottom plate is aligned with said container main body, and wherein said container main body and said bottom plate are displaceable relative to each other between a first exposed position, in which said container main body is positioned rearward of said bottom plate such that a front portion of said bottom plate is exposed from said container main body, and a second exposed position, in which said container main body is positioned forward of said bottom plate such that a rear portion of said bottom plate is exposed from said container main body.

10. (New) The container according to claim 9, wherein said container main body is displaceable from said neutral position between said first exposed position and said second exposed position.

11. (New) The container according to claim 10, wherein each of said side wall plates comprises an upper portion side wall plate and a lower portion side wall plate rotatably connected at a rotating portion,

each of said upper portion side wall plates is rotatable about said roof plate,
each of said lower portion side wall plates is rotatable about said bottom plate,

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said container main body is displaceable between a base state, in which each of said side wall plates is substantially vertical and said roof plate is separated from said bottom plate, and a folded state, in which each of said side wall plates is folded inward at said rotating portion such that said roof plate is moved close to said bottom plate, and

said front door and said rear door are displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and said rear door are substantially vertical and respectively close said front end portion and said rear end portion of said container main body, and a folded state, in which said front door and said rear door overlap said bottom plate or said roof plate.

12. (New) The container according to claim 11, wherein said front door and/or said rear door is/are rotatably connected to said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said bottom plate, respectively, and

said front door and/or said rear door is/are displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and/or said rear door is/are substantially vertical and close(s) said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said container main body, respectively, and an insertion/removal state, in which said front door and/or said rear door respectively connect(s) said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said bottom plate with a loading surface that is exterior to said bottom plate, wherein the loading surface is adapted to support cargo to be loaded into the container.

13. (New) The container according to claim 12, wherein said container is arranged and constructed to house an automobile as said cargo, the container further comprising:

a flexible fixing member having a pair of circumferential-direction linear members which are flexible, have a linear shape, and correspond to a circumferential direction of a tire of said automobile, and a width-direction linear member which is flexible, has a linear shape, connects said pair of circumferential-direction linear members, and corresponds to a width direction of said tire; and

a first fixing portion and a second fixing portion provided in relation to said bottom plate, a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on one side of a part

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which is disposed along at least an upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said first fixing portion, and a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on the other side of said part which is disposed along at least said upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said second fixing portion.

14. (New) The container according to claim 13, wherein positions of said first fixing portion and said second fixing portion in said front-rear direction of said bottom plate are selectable.

15. (New) The container according to claim 14, further comprising a tensioning member arranged and constructed to tension a part of said circumferential-direction linear member located between said part fixed to said first fixing portion and said part fixed to said second fixing portion in a direction towards said bottom plate.

16. (New) The container according to claim 15, further comprising a wedge-shaped member disposed at a front side or a rear side of a portion of said tire that contacts said bottom plate.

17. (New) The container according to claim 9, wherein each of said pair of side wall plates comprises an upper portion side wall plate and a lower portion side wall plate rotatably connected at a rotating portion,

each of said upper portion side wall plates is rotatable about said roof plate,

each of said lower portion side wall plates is rotatable about said bottom plate,

said container main body is displaceable between a base state, in which each of said side wall plates is substantially vertical and said roof plate is separated from said bottom plate, and a folded state, in which each of said side wall plates is folded inward at said rotating portion such that said roof plate is moved close to said bottom plate, and

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said front door and said rear door are displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and said rear door are substantially vertical and close said front end portion and said rear end portion of said container main body, and a folded state, in which said front door and said rear door overlap said bottom plate or said roof plate.

18. (New) The container according to claim 9, wherein said front door and/or said rear door is/are rotatably connected to said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said bottom plate portion, respectively, and

said front door and/or said rear door is/are displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and/or said rear door is/are substantially vertical and close(s) said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said container main body, respectively, and an insertion/removal state, in which said front door and/or said rear door respectively connect(s) said front end portion and/or said rear end portion of said bottom plate with a loading surface that is exterior to said bottom plate, wherein the loading surface is adapted to support cargo to be loaded into the container.

19. (New) The container according to claim 9, wherein said container is arranged and constructed to house an automobile, the container further comprising:

a flexible fixing member having a pair of circumferential-direction linear members which are flexible, have a linear shape, and correspond to a circumferential direction of a tire of said automobile, and a width-direction linear member which is flexible, has a linear shape, connects said pair of circumferential-direction linear members, and corresponds to a width direction of said tire; and

a first fixing portion and a second fixing portion provided in relation to said bottom plate, a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on one side of a part which is disposed along at least an upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said first fixing portion, and a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on the other side of said part which is disposed along at least said upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said second fixing portion.

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20. (New) The container according to claim 19, wherein positions of said first fixing portion and said second fixing portion in said front-rear direction of said bottom plate are selectable.

21. (New) The container according to claim 20, further comprising a tensioning member arranged and constructed to tension a part of said circumferential-direction linear member located between said part fixed to said first fixing portion and said part fixed to said second fixing portion in a direction towards said bottom plate.

22. (New) The container according to claim 21, further comprising a wedge-shaped member disposed at a front side or a rear side of a portion of said tire that contacts said bottom plate.